



METRO HEALTH at Home: Garage

Safety Tips

• **Be prepared for an emergency.** Sign up for alerts before a disaster occurs at <http://www.saoempprep.com/AlertSA>

• **Control rodents and insects by eliminating sources of food and water and sealing holes in walls to keep them out.**

• **Keep medications, cleaning products and other dangerous household items out of reach and/or in locked cabinets.**

• **Store pesticides and other chemicals out of reach of children.**

• **Run cars and trucks only outside the garage and away from any openings into the house to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.**

• **Keep an emergency kit in your garage that includes water and food.** Customize your kit to meet specific needs, such as medications and infant formula. It should also include important family documents.

• **Car seats reduce the risk of death by 28% in comparison to children in a seat belt alone.**
(nhtsa.gov)

• **Never leave a child in a vehicle unattended; make it a habit to look in the backseat every time you exit the car, Always lock the car and put the keys out of reach**

• **Never run lawnmowers and other combustion devices inside the garage. Always operate a safe distance from windows and doors.**

